

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6 (underneath the title), insert –  
Background of the Invention –;

Page 2, between lines 2 and 3 insert – Summary of the Invention –;

Change lines 8-9 to read as follows:

– The ~~said~~ task is performed according to the invention by a telescopic boom ~~according to claim 1~~ described herein. Preferred embodiments are also the subject of the ~~sub-claims~~ herein. –;

Page 8, before line 1 insert – Brief Description of the Drawings –; and

Page 9, between lines 2 and 3 insert – Description of the Preferred Embodiments –.